

SENATE BILL 80

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2011

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tree Expert License – Application and Renewal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain tree expert application and license renewal fees;
4 authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to set certain tree expert
5 application and license renewal fees by regulation; authorizing the Department
6 to establish a timetable and procedure for tree expert license renewal by
7 regulation; and generally relating to tree expert licenses.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 5–419
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 5–419.

17 (a) An applicant shall pay to the Department at the time of making
18 application, a fee [of \$30. An applicant who fails any examination, shall pay an
19 additional fee of \$20 for each subsequent examination the applicant takes] **SET BY**
20 **THE DEPARTMENT BY REGULATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE COSTS**
21 **OF PROCESSING THE APPLICATION.**

22 (b) **(1)** A tree expert license shall be renewed [annually] **IN**
23 **ACCORDANCE WITH A TIMETABLE AND PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED BY THE**
24 **DEPARTMENT BY REGULATION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2)** A person who holds a license and wishes to renew it shall pay [a
2 \$10 annual renewal fee] **A FEE SET BY THE DEPARTMENT BY REGULATION IN AN**
3 **AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE COSTS OF PROCESSING THE LICENSE RENEWAL.**

4 (c) Fees the Department receives shall be paid into the State Treasury for
5 the Department's use. The Secretary shall prepare an annual report on the number of
6 licenses issued and the receipts and expenses under Part III of this subtitle during
7 each fiscal year.

8 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
9 **October 1, 2011.**